

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An airbag module comprising a gas generator support (26), characterized in that arranged on said gas generator support (26) is a plate spring (10) which comprises a continuous ring-shaped inner section (12) and several arms (14), which each have a first end (14a) connected to said inner section (12) and a second, free end (14b) which is bent away axially with respect to a central axis (16) of said plate spring (10), said arms (14) being elastically deformable under axial pressure,

at least one contact (34) being provided on said gas generator support (26) opposing at least one arm (14) of said plate spring (10), said contact (34) coming into contact with said arm (14) through a movement of said gas generator support (26) in an axial direction against a resistance of said plate spring (10) thereby closing a circuit to trigger a horn signal.

2. (Original) The airbag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said plate spring (10) is a stamped and bent part of sheet metal.

3. (Original) The airbag module according to

Claim 1, characterized in that said first ends (14a) of said arms (14) are formed on at an outer periphery of said inner section (12).

4. (Original) The airbag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said plate spring (10) comprises not fewer than three and not more than four arms (14).

5. (Original) The airbag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said inner section (12) is fastened to said gas generator support (26) and said arms (14) are bent away from said gas generator support (26).

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said gas generator support (26) is made from plastic and said contact (34) is embedded in said gas generator support (26) by injection-molding.

8. (Original) An assembly of a steering wheel and of an airbag module, said airbag module comprising a gas generator support, characterized in that arranged between said gas generator support (26) and said steering wheel (30) is a plate spring (10) which comprises a continuous ring-shaped inner section (12) and several arms (14) which each have a first end (14a) connected to said inner section (12) and a

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second, free end (14b) which is bent away in a direction of a central axis (16) of said plate spring (10), said arms (14) being elastically deformable under axial pressure.

9. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to Claim 8, characterized in that ~~with the exception of a zone for producing a horn contact,~~ said arms (14) of said plate spring (10) are electrically insulated with respect to said steering wheel (30) ~~with respect to said steering wheel (30), in particular by being embedded in an injection-molded plastic sheathing.~~

10. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 8, characterized in that a receiving means for said plate spring (10) is provided in said steering wheel (30), which receiving means permits a guidance of said airbag module (18) in a direction of a central axis (32) of said steering wheel (30).

11. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 10, characterized in that said receiving means is constructed by elevated zones (36) on a side of said steering wheel (30) facing said airbag module (18).

12. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 10, characterized in that said receiving means is constructed by depressions (38) in a side of said steering wheel (30) facing said airbag module (18).

13. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 8,  
characterized in that said inner section (12) is fastened to  
said steering wheel (30) and said arms (14) are bent away from  
said steering wheel (30) in a direction towards said gas  
generator support (26).

14. (New) The assembly according to Claim 9,  
characterized in that said arms (14) of said plate spring (10)  
are electrically insulated by being embedded in an injection-  
molded plastic sheathing.

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